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FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN IN MASS MEETING

Meeting Was Held at the Court House in Comanche, Sept. 15th, 1914.

House called to order by Judge J. H. McMillan. Hilton Burks stated the object of the meeting, J. C. Hardin appointed secretary and Hilton Burks, Jerome Kearby, Will Roberson, W. D. Sturkie and R. W. Gray were appointed committee on resolutions. While the committee on resolutions was out, several interesting talks were made. The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Whereas, the present condition of the cotton market is deplorable and means bankruptcy to the South unless some solution is promptly had of the problems now confronting the entire South. We believe that no relief may now be expected from the National Government, nor thru the National banks by the issuance of emergency currency, or otherwise, that it now rests with the several states of the South to meet and save the situation that they can do by united effort; and, whereas, Texas has passed an emergency warehouse bill to make warehouse receipts negotiable, proper safeguards have been provided under state supervision; and, whereas, the Buy-a-Bale movement for the taking over of distressed cotton at ten cents and holding same off the market is causing the spinners to sit up and take notice, that the South is not going to surrender without a fight; and,

Whereas, there are other means that may be inaugurated to help produce a fair market for the 1914 crop, such as the curtailment of the cotton acreage for 1915, and the creation of a central state bank, with adequate capital to advance a reasonable amount on cotton warehouse receipts, a thing that the national banks are not going to do;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the farmers and business men of Comanche county in mass meeting assembled to send delegates to the state meet at Austin to devise ways and means to fully meet the situation, we heartily endorse the Buy-a-Bale movement at ten cents, and urge everyone who possibly can to buy one or more bales at ten cents and hold same off the market; and urge that every merchant in Texas write his jobbers and wholesale dealers to join the Buy-a-Bale movement, buying at least one bale of ten cent cotton for each one thousand dollars of his capital stock, and we urge every farmer that is out of debt to hold his cotton off the market until 10 cents or better can be had therefor.

Be it further resolved that we heartily endorse the suggestion of Governor Colquitt for the establishment of a central state bank with sufficient capital to advance at least 38 dollars per bale on cotton to the farmer at a low rate of interest for such length of time as necessity might require, if a feasible plan therefor can be worked out; and,

Be it further resolved that we heartily endorse the passage of a law with adequate penalties to secure the curtailment of the 1915 cotton crop, a reduction of 50 per cent of the acreage of 1914, thereby protecting those who join the ten cent Buy-a-Bale movement and the value of warehouse cotton receipts generally, as well as the entire South; and,

Be it further resolved that our delegates to said Austin be instructed to support such measures as above suggested, and any other that will aid in giving relief to the farmers of the South towards getting a fair price for their cotton.

R. W. Gray, E. E. Denny, Robt.

CENTRAL BANK BILL INTRODUCED

House Considers Cope Bill—Divorce of Cotton Gins and Oil Mills.

The much-heralded bill creating the bank of Texas, which institution Governor Colquitt has declared would rival the Bank of England if established, was introduced in the lower house this afternoon by Representative Calvin of Harris county. Governor Colquitt sent in his message at the morning session asking that such legislation be considered and the bill, which was prepared by the attorney general's department, accompanied it. It was turned over to Calvin to be formally introduced.

The introduction of the bill means one of two things—either another special session will be called or the bill will not be passed. It is universally believed to be absolutely impossible to act on it before the automatic adjournment of the present session.

The permanent warehouse bill, substantially as drawn by Clarence Ousley, passed the house this morning by a vote of 95 to 18. This gives it the required two-thirds in the house. It now goes to the senate for action.

The Cope Bill, providing for the divorce of cotton seed oil mills and cotton gins when owned by corporations, passed the house this morning.

The Burgess bill, regulating the passing of counterfeit money of a foreign nation was signed by the governor today.

Action on the Woods bill amending the present warehouse law, and the Humphrey bill, designed to prevent interlocking directorates in cotton seed oil mills and cotton gins, were carried over until tomorrow. Humphrey attempted to call up this afternoon his motion to adjourn sine die on Sept. 19, but was prevented by a motion to adjourn until tomorrow.

An effort is being made to have an informal conference tonight of those who are opposed to the kind of legislation proposed in the state bank measure, in order that its provisions might be fully discussed. Some of the most substantial men in the house are opposed to it, including such men as Savage, Tillotson, Kirby, Burmeister and a number of others. Both Tillotson and Kirby are members of the committee on banks and banking, to which the bill has been referred.

J. J. Alexander Dead.

Monday morning J. J. Alexander was stricken with heart failure and died instantly. Mr. Alexander had been slightly sick for some time, but his death came as a shock to his family and friends. Mr. Alexander leaves a wife and three children. Bacon, his oldest son, is living in Dallas, but is now in Comanche to be with his mother and sisters. Mr. Alexander leaves a host of friends who are grieved at his death, and extend their sincere sympathy to his family. Mr. Alexander was buried by his brother Masons Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies' Study Club Buys-a-Bale.

The ladies' study club of Comanche went down into their strong box and bought a bale this week at ten cents per pound. This seems to be the first ladies' club of this kind in the state to show their patriotism and willingness to help by putting their money in cotton.

Janes, Sid Harris, A. L. McDaniel were elected as delegates to go to Austin on Sept. 17th, to attend the conference called last week by the governor.

PATRIOTIC CITIZENS ARE TAKING ACTION

List of Comanche People Who Advance Material Aid to Help Farmer.

In accordance with the plans made by the Buy-a-Bale committee and outlined in the Chief in the last issue, the following paper was circulated and the names given below were signed. Many people whose names are not signed to this paper are going to buy a bale and many have already done so. The following is the paper circulated and names that were signed:

Comanche, Texas, Sept. 11, 1914.

In order to distribute and equalize as far as possible the great burden now upon this community from the absence of a cotton market, and to assist in holding the tremendous surplus of cotton now apparent over the present demand, until the remainder can be disposed of, we, the undersigned men and women of all classes hereby agree to form the Comanche Ten-Cent Cotton Club.

1. We each agree to buy one or more bales of cotton at ten cents per pound, the number designated opposite each signature.

2. We agree to hold said cotton off the market until crop statistics show that one-half of the crop of 1914 has been marketed by the farmers.

3. Each of us agrees to reduce the acreage to be planted in cotton next year by not less than one-third of that planted the present year, or, if we are not farm owners, we agree to use our influence so far as may be in securing said reduction.

We recommend that a meeting be held as soon as 100 bales shall be subscribed hereto, for the purpose of organizing said club, the election of officers and a board of directors, who shall serve without compensation, and who do not hold any indebtedness secured by cotton mortgages, to arrange for an equitable distribution of the purchases of cotton made hereunder among the farmers of the county whose necessities may require it, and also to secure all subscriptions possible.

Harry Brin 1
Jacob Brin 1
Brin's One-Price Store 1
Miss Kate Porter 1
J. F. Tate 1
M. Coleman 1
Dr. A. J. Gray 1
C. F. Williams 1
J. W. McCollum 1
W. B. Cunningham 1
Mrs. V. H. Lindsey 1
Miss Ida Hart 1

J. F. Reese 2
J. F. Palmer 1
I. G. Wyatt 1
F. E. Adams 2
W. M. Durham 1
K. L. Macon 1
R. C. Frazier 1
W. F. Durham 2
C. S. Allen 1
H. Shoemaker 1
Gib Callaway 1
H. Kilpatrick 1
J. W. Seury 1
L. J. Kittle 1
W. W. Kilpatrick & Son 1
Henry Durham 1
H. H. Stevenson 3
W. H. Slider 1
G. L. Garrison 1
Dr. J. W. Carson 1
W. D. Williford 1
C. W. Carnes 1
Geo. Simmons 1
O. M. Simmons 1
J. E. Arthur 1
W. F. Bennett 1
S. McDonald 1
J. R. Eanes & Co. 2
T. N. Burton 1
Jno. T. Jay 1
W. T. Dunlap 1
T. M. Pulliam 1
J. H. Hannah 1
E. W. Harris 1
L. B. Russell Jr. 1
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J. B. Chilton 2
T. J. Williams 1
Jas. L. Cox 1
D. Chas. Clarke 1
J. M. Rieger 1
Mary L. Smith 1
J. A. Botts 1
J. E. Gray 1 or more
L. B. Russell 1
S. J. Hicks 1
A. G. Hall 1
J. A. Egbert 1
C. W. Meadows 1
J. J. Holmsley 1
I. T. Clemons 1
S. P. Smith 1
H. Burks 1
V. H. Thodberg 1
J. M. Guthrie 1
E. M. Kelly 2
Lee Butler 2
C. R. M. Dudley 1
M. G. Catter 1
H. J. R. Gille 2
E. E. Anthony 1
G. E. Smith 1
W. H. Rowland 1
H. N. Goodson 1
G. H. Goodson 1
C. P. St. Clair 1
R. H. Moore 2
E. E. Denny 1
W. R. Shoemaker 1
J. R. Davidson 2
C. A. Knutson 2
J. C. McGhee 2
A. T. Cathey 1
Mrs. J. W. McNeill 2

AX FOR THE RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

Chop Seems to be the Word Among Administration Congress Leaders.

The annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$53,000,000 for work in the present fiscal year, was the subject of half a dozen informal conferences yesterday among Senate and administration leaders. Last night it seemed probable the measure would be pruned down to the extent of about \$20,000,000. In this present form it was feared the bill stands in danger of a presidential veto even should Congress pass it.

The plan of compromise which was regarded with favor last night was a suggestion by Senator Simmons that each appropriation carried in the bill be subjected to a 25 per cent cut, this being on the theory that nearly three months of the fiscal year already have elapsed. The allowances contained in the bill was based on esti-

mates for the entire twelve months. Senator Burton who has been opposing the bill, it was said, may be the stumbling block to this proposal. He would like to have the appropriations cut to the actual amounts that would be necessary to keep existing projects from going backward, which would be about \$12,500,000.

It will be recalled that Oscar Callaway, Congressman from the 12th district of Texas, was the first man to make an attack on this criminal waste of the people's money. He assailed it in 1913 at the closing session of the 62nd Congress. The bill then carried \$41,000,000. He moved to cut out \$39,000,000 and showed that all his motion would cut out was waste. He gave notice then that he would be prepared to expose the rottenness in the next bill brought in of that kind.

When the present bill came in he did expose it, and continued fight until several magazines and newspapers took it up. Some Senators then took it up with the Congressman above stated, and the people will be saved in this bill \$40,000,000 and no telling how much in the future.—Washington Post.

NEWS IN AND AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

Marriage Licenses—Visits of the Stork—Real Estate Transfers

Marriage Licenses Issued
Carlos Spears and Miss Lillie Fuller.
Ernest E. Eldred and Miss Willie Phillips.
V. C. Boyd and Miss Laura McGuire.
W. F. Morris and Miss Sadie Munn.

Visits of the Stork
Born to Mr. and Mrs.—
R. E. Perkins, Gustine, boy;
Luck Adeock, Gustine, boy; Will Allen, Gustine, boy; J. C. Perdue, Gustine, boy; Ernest Dutton, Enery, girl; J. R. Smith, Gustine, boy.

Real Estate Transfers
J. M. Thompson et ux to W. F. Durham, 120 acres W. P. Theobald survey; \$7040.00.
John Colley to N. O. Graham, 1-3 interest in lot 5, block 2, Proctor, valuable consideration.
J. M. Thompson et ux to W. F. Durham, 160 acres out of survey 95; \$5030.00.
R. I. Wilson to J. C. C. Martin, north 1-2 of the northwest 1-4 of block 20, Walcott addition, Comanche; \$1000.00.

Commissioners Court
Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, Sept. 14th, 1914, with J. H. McMillan, County Judge presiding, with the following members present:
W. T. Dobbs, Com. No. 1; W. J. Patton, Com. No. 2; J. W. Wyatt, Com. No. 3, and G. H. Loudermilk, Com. No. 4; Jack Cunningham, Sheriff, and Mary L. Smith, County Clerk, when the following proceedings were had to wit:
Ordered that a second class road 30 feet wide be opened, beginning in the Downing and Proctor road at southeast corner of John Reese place; thence on lines between Reed and Brock, J. C. L. Brinson and Ed Boswell to southwest corner of J. C. L. Brinson's place; thence north with Brinson's west line to J. M. McGuire's orchard, in northwest direction across J. M. McGuire's land to center between R. B. Easley and John Evans; thence west between Easley and Evans to Comanche and Thoney road.
Ordered that J. K. J. Burks, County Treasurer, be and is authorized to pay interest on Court House and Jail bonds.

U. S. TROOPS TO LEAVE MEXICO

Wilson Orders Vera Cruz Evacuated—Warships to Leave Mexican Waters.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Preparations were being made here today for the withdrawal of the American military force from Vera Cruz, which had held the city since last May, in accordance with an order of evacuation from President Wilson. Transports at Newport and Galveston were under orders to proceed as soon as possible to Vera Cruz to take the forces aboard. A short while afterward the battleship fleet, now stationed in Mexican waters, will be withdrawn.

The total forces at Vera Cruz under General Funston include 7,200 soldiers and marines, the latter to go back to warships and stations, while the former are to return to Texas City. Their departure is expected to begin within a fortnight.
Evacuation was decided upon

CENTRAL BANK CAPITALIZED ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Amendment to Aldrich-Vreeland Act Will Authorize State Institution Issue Currency.

(By L. A. Pettit.)
Austin, Texas, Sept. 12.—Governor Colquitt's plan for the establishment of a state bank with the permanent school fund as capital, has become the chief topic of discussion in legislative and business circles. Saturday the Governor's office was visited by a number of Senators and members of the House who assured him that they were inclined to support his proposition and asked for details.

The governor intends to recommend that the permanent school fund be capitalized for the purpose of creating the Bank of Texas under the provisions of the state banking act, with view of obtaining authority to issue emergency currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland act, to be lent cotton growers at a low rate of interest to enable them to hold their crops until the market recovers. The permanent school fund consists of securities and land notes representing an aggregate value of \$70,000,000. This fund is administered by the state board of education, composed of the governor, the secretary of state and the comptroller of state, the state superintendent of education acting as secretary ex-officio.

The governor's idea is to place the proposed bank in charge of the state board of education and perhaps add the state treasurer as a director. The permanent school fund, if used to furnish capital stock for this bank, would become the basis for an issue of emergency currency without changing the nature of the investment of that fund. Furthermore, aside from earning interest for the available school fund it would earn additional interest on the emergency currency of which it would become the basis and produce revenue for the available school fund a second time, besides furnishing the cotton growers with means with which to save their crops from sacrifice.

Saturday afternoon Governor Colquitt received a telegram from Congressman Henry expressing doubt as to the authority of state banks to issue currency under the Texas constitution.

There is nothing in the Texas constitution that prohibits the issuance of currency by state banks. On the contrary the constitution was amended a few years ago to authorize the adoption of a state banking system. However, to remove all doubt, the state banking act could be amended to authorize state banks to issue currency.

But the Smith amendment adopted by the United States Senate Friday, apparently removes necessity for changing the state banking act. A telegram from Senator Culberson received by Commissioner of Banking Collier Saturday recites that the amendment extends the provisions and benefits of the Aldrich-Vreeland act to all state banks and trust companies having a capital stock of not less than \$25,000 and a surplus of 20 per cent.

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at a cabinet meeting, following receipt of an urgent appeal from General Carranza, head of the constitutionalists, who asserts that the presence of American troops constituted a constant menace to the friendly relations between Mexico and the United States.

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Commenting on the buy-a-bale agitation, the Huntsville Post-Item notes the situation at its home in this way: "There are some people in this town who are comfortably fixed, financially, who would dodge if they were asked to buy a boll of cotton, to say nothing of a bale. Verily it is a tight fight to separate the confirmed tightwad from his money."

About the most intelligent thing done by the extra session of the legislature was to subscribe for five daily newspapers for each of its members. The only mistake is that this important matter has been too long delayed and the legislators allowed to grow up "set in their ways." "It is impossible to teach an old horse new tricks."—Hamilton Record.

And now it is charged that Gov. Colquitt was not so much interested in a warehouse law as he was in getting his prison commissioners confirmed, in order to block the Ferguson program of prison reform, so as to get even with the politicians who turned him down at El Paso. In other words, he wanted to keep the penitentiaries in the hands of the politicians, regardless of the interest of the state.—Granbury News.

Tom H. Bell has sold his interest in the Comanche Chief to Mr. Grade Callaway, a brother of Oscar and Gib Callaway, and a young man of fine attainments, who becomes editor and manager of the paper. We are sorry to lose Mr. Bell from the ranks, even temporarily, but we welcome Mr. Callaway and wish him the highest success in the responsible work upon which he is entered. The Chief is one of the oldest and most influential papers in Texas.—Hamilton Herald.

According to the Comanche Chief the dogs of Comanche must be very aristocratic canines. That paper gives the number of dogs in this county at 70 and their taxable value at \$1,675.00, a value of nearly \$24.00 per dog. Over five hundred pigs could be purchased for this amount of money and would be of much more benefit than the same number of non-descript curs. Many a family in Co-

manche county waste food upon dogs which could profitably be put into pork.—Hasse Arrow.

It's hard to please the politicians. Congressman Bob Henry of Waco, is a candidate for Culberson's seat in the senate. Bob has introduced a bill in congress for the government to loan 12 cents a pound on cotton at 4 per cent interest. This goes far beyond the old Ocala sub-treasury demand of the Farmers' Alliance. The first time Bob was elected to congress he made his campaign in violent opposition to the sub-treasury and initiative and referendum planks in the populist platform. Bob is now in favor of both propositions.—Plainview News.

A constitutional amendment is being sought to increase the pay of Texas legislators to \$1200 a year. Before this is done an amendment should be enacted reducing the membership to at least half its present membership. There is absolutely no excuse for such redundancy of membership. The Representative of Coleman and Concho counties might just as well represent ten or a half dozen such counties. A business firm that employed five hundred clerks, when half the number could do the work as well, would soon find itself on the red side of the business ledger.—Coleman Democrat.

Editor Tom H. Bell, who has been in charge of the Comanche Chief-Exponent for a year or more has disposed of his interest in the paper and relinquished the editorial management to Grade Callaway, a brother of Congressman Callaway. The new editor of the Chief-Exponent is a Comanche county product, a graduate of the University of Texas, an admitted barrister and an all round competent young man. Editor Bell has been in bad health for quite a while and this fact was a factor in his decision to retire. We regret his retirement from the semi-local field of this territory, for Tom Bell is not only a clever newspaper man and good writer, but a neighborly neighbor.—Dublin Progress.

Approve the Plan.

At a meeting of the joint directories of the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Business League, held Thursday afternoon, the plan proposed at the meeting of business men held Wednesday was endorsed and a committee appointed to carry it into effect.

The plan is for every merchant in Waco to ask every merchant with whom he deals in the north and east to buy five or more bales of cotton and hold it for six months or longer. A form letter is to be prepared, and L. Migei, W. B. Morrison and E. F. Drake were appointed from the Chamber of Commerce, and Alex Sanders, Ralph McLendon and H. Hagendorn from the Y. M. B. L. to get the agreement of the merchants to send these letters.

The joint directories also approved the "buy-a-bale" movement, and urged individuals to adopt the plan.—Waco Tribune.

The demand of the Government for 100 million dollars of additional revenue has done one good thing at least. It has cut down the rivers and harbors bill about 18 million dollars and promises to cut it down still more. There has been determined opposition to the bill in the senate for some time but it did not amount to much till the government called for more revenue, then the opposition saw their opportunity and went in with a determination to at least cut off a part of this gigantic steal. As a result the rivers and harbors bill has been cut from 52 to 34

million. The Trinity river and a few more creeks are still in the bill and the opposition, led by Senator Burton of Ohio, are still trying to have them cut out. If this can be done a start in the right direction will be substantially made. If the same thing would be done with the pension steals, it will look like the wants of the people are at last getting some consideration at the hands of congress.

The plan to reduce the acreage of cotton next year by levying a prohibitive tax on all over a certain acreage is on a par with a lot more ideas advanced over the country to save the cotton crop. In the first place this is impracticable. You cannot pass a law preventing a man planting over a certain amount of a certain crop, just to remedy an economic condition, that can be enforced. There are too many ways of avoiding it. In the next place it is contrary to American principles of government. When we go to tearing down long established principles like the control of a man's personal affairs we are making a breach that will widen and in time destroy the entire doctrine of personal liberty. Another thing, economic conditions will remedy this. A planter will not plant a crop exclusively for the market when there is no market. Nor will a man plant a crop that stands ten chances to one of being destroyed by some pest before it is mature. The boll weevil and low prices will do more to lower the acreage than all the laws that even our legislature can pass, and that is saying a great deal.

While the people of the country go ahead and save the cotton market by buying a bale and holding it, thereby forcing the market up so as to save the farmer, our statesmen fill the columns of the papers with wild and uncouth schemes to legislate the price of cotton up. Bob Henry says, have the federal government buy it up at 12 cents or loan money on it at that price, giving 70 per cent of its value. We wonder if he thinks that anybody in this country will believe that he is serious in such a scheme as this. But he is getting a lot of free advertising and that is what he wants, so we guess from his viewpoint he is getting what he started after. In our legislature there are dozens of schemes, but their proponents are not of enough prominence to justify the papers giving them free space. Colquitt has been desperately searching for something. He has gone from a Maratorium to a central bank. The mere suggestion of a moratorium made the entire state howl in protest, and the governor saw that that would not do. Now he has another beautiful scheme of making a state central bank with the permanent school funds as capital. This might help some if it could be done and done before this cotton crop is marketed and forgotten about. The main trouble with all of these would be economists is, they don't seem to realize that this week is the time that we need relief and not a year from now.

BUY A BALE

Citizens of Comanche have inaugurated the buy-a-bale plan and over a hundred bales have been already subscribed for. There was a meeting held last Saturday and a committee was named, consisting of Harry Brin, M. Coleman and John Tate. Mr. Brin started the movement to going by taking three bales. The early part of this week this committee worked hard and the people of the town responded better than was hoped, and at the rate that this movement has started it will not be long until enough cotton will be taken in this manner to relieve the farmers who have to have ready money. A list of the people who have promised to take a bale are printed in another place in this paper. No farmer should ask to sell a bale to one of these men on this plan unless he has to have the money, because there will be plenty of people over the county who will have to have the money, and everybody should work together to help the man who needs help the worst. If you need help badly look around and see if there is not a man that needs help worse than you do and if there is see that he gets his first. Cotton now is selling for 8 cents and is steadily going up; from all appearances it will not be long before we will be able to get ten cents on the market, but while we have the upper hand the thing for the people to do is get all the cotton is worth and that is about 12 or 13 cents per pound at the very least.

All the farmers have to do to get all that they ask is to hold what they have got, every bale of it.

Of course who so buys a bale at 10c per pound is a patriot. But we doubt, if a year hence, he will have the hardihood to boast his purchase as an exhibit of his patriotism. For, aside from the fact that by buying a bale he is serving his own interest, the likelihood is he will make a profit which will considerably dim the luster of his patriotism. Then to boast the patriotism of his purchase of one bale, he is apt to be more inclined to confess his folly in not having bought five. To be sure, this is no time to clip a private profit from a public misfortune. One ought to be so responsive to the call of patriotic duty as to be in no need of the spur of a chance to gain. Still, we believe that within a year a bale of middling cotton is so certain to be worth considerably more than \$50 that even the man who scorns an opportunity to profit will nevertheless be unable to avoid having it overtake and seize him. War or no war, cotton is going to be worth much more than 10c a pound next spring, because it will then be apparent to every man that what was superabundant is destined for a twelve-month to be scarce. We doubt if there is a better investment opportunity available to anyone just now than cotton at 10c a pound. Everyone who is able ought to buy a bale as a matter of duty; but if one's sense of duty does not move one to do that, one ought to buy a bale for the profit the purchase is certain to yield.—Dallas News.

The Man Who Voluntarily Sells Cotton at Present Prices is a Traitor.

This then is the situation: Not over 10 or 15 per cent of the world's spindles are likely to stop; even this decrease of consumption in Europe will be partially made good by the increased consumption of American mills; and as soon as the war is over, as Dr. Carver points out, "these countries which have not been able to get cotton will be clamoring for it."

And yet, there are foolish American farmers in every state simply giving away their cotton at ridiculous prices before the cotton exchanges open, and before the financial world has time to catch its breath and find out whether it is really hurt or only scared.

Perhaps some of these farmers are compelled to sell, and we may excuse them, but for the others, there is just one thing to say. That thing is that every man who sells a bale of cotton at present fictitious prices, unless compelled to do so by necessity, is not only playing the fool so far as his own interests are concerned, but is a traitor to his fellow farmers.

If he himself only were getting hurt, we might let him alone, but he is depressing prices for everybody else in the South. Four or five thousand farmers scattered over the South by accepting the ridiculous prices recently offered, or else by insisting on giving away their cotton to somebody when there was no market at all—these few irresponsible cotton growers have come mighty near establishing an eight-cent level for prices that it will take energetic actions from Virginia to Texas to overcome.

It is our belief that if the cotton exchanges could have remained open, prices would have gradually adjusted themselves to lower levels, but that the abused New York cotton gamblers would never have brought prices so low as farmers have done by the South-wide "bear" movement they have themselves instituted.—Houston Telegram.

Cotton Crop Reports.

The government report for Comanche county shows that there were ten bales of cotton ginned this year in the county up to the first of September. Last year up to that time there had been 481 bales ginned in Comanche county. This difference is accounted for by the heavy rains during August of this year. Last year the rains did not start until the second week of September.

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Finding Out the Law

The ignorance of the law has lots to answer for. The law, being of such uninteresting and complicated nature that nobody ever finds out anything about it until he actually has to, and of such an inconsistency and vague nature that one can always find one on his side if he looks long enough, it follows that ignorance of the law is so dense that the cost of dispelling it makes litigants tremble.

If the law were anything like what it ought to be in a civilized community, there would be no necessity of having so many books and so many court officials and so many lawyers and so many judges and so many expert witnesses and so many everything that makes the whole business a mystic, musty haze. A simple dispute could be simply settled. But now, one man, being ignorant of the law, hires a lawyer who is also ignorant of the law, to pursue another man, who, knowing no law, can defend himself only by hiring another lawyer. Then after the whole thing is gone over with sufficient detail to prove to the judge that the law permits him to decide in favor of either litigant, he hands down his decision in accordance with the state of his own feelings or previous condition of political servitude.—E. O. J., in Life.

Acute Indigestion.

"I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion, followed by constipation," writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva, N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them from our druggist. I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for they helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects." Sold by all dealers.

Back to the Soil.

Real estate men from different sections of the country report heavy sales in farm lands during the past month, indicating that the "back to the soil" movement has been diminished on account of the present unsettled condition of affairs in the financial world.

There is an instinctive longing in the heart of every man to be a producer—a longing to take from the soil an equivalent for that which he consumes. It is this desire which forms the basis for the "back to the soil" movements which are sweeping the country today. Mother Earth is always safe and available. She has never repudiated a debt, never denied an obligation, nor sought a moratorium. She conserves the principle and compounds the interest.

"Buy a Bale" Move Started in Austin.

The Atlanta movement to "buy a bale of cotton" has gotten started in Austin, and the Chamber of Commerce will interview a number of Austin citizens to see if the movement will be taken up here. Atlanta on the first day bought 317 bales and it is expected that a number of people will buy a bale or several bales and store it in warehouses until the market regains its level. This is one of the matters that will be brought up at the meeting of the Chamber Tuesday night.—Austin Tribune.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidney and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 292 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

A Reduction is Necessary.

War revenue legislation is disturbing the democratic leaders and law makers at the capital of the nation. There is a revolt against the 3 per cent tax on freight transportation charges. There are democrats who refuse to stand hitched and take orders. Why not revise the pension list? Why not lop off the names of thousands of parasites and favorites? Why not slash the big appropriation bills? Why permit "unnecessary, unwise and extravagant" expenditures of the people's money? Why not demolish the "pork barrel"? Retrench and reduce. It should be easy to use the pruning knife and save the \$100,000,000. There is a revenue deficit. Why not reduce expenses all along the line? Produce of the raw wealth of the nation reducing expenses. Taxpayers are reducing expenses. Why shouldn't the government reduce?—Forth Worth Record.

WHY WEAK LUNGS?

The toll of tuberculosis is claimed more than 350 victims every day in the United States, yet few realize their grave condition until the critical period arrives.

Overwork, worry, weakness after sickness, catarrh, bronchitis, tender throats, all exert the weakening influence that invites consumption.

To guard against consumption, thousands of people take Scott's Emulsion after meals because its rich medicinal nourishment strengthens the lungs, puts vigor in the blood, and rebuilds strength to resist tuberculosis. Scott's Emulsion is nature's strength-builder. Refuse substitutes.

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Brownwood, Texas

"MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY" No. 2—More exciting than No. 1. It's a better serial than Lucille Love—Ask those who saw it. A few of the regular show patrons told me that it is the best picture they ever saw at the Majestic. You can't beat our program next Tuesday night in Dallas—Florence Lawrence and the Million Dollar Mystery—10c. We have something interesting to announce later.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REX. "CIRCLE 17" With Herbert Rawlinson and Anna Little. Anna Little and Herbert Rawlinson do extra good work in this Italian black hand story. "Circle 17" is a secret society whose power is wide and far reaching. It draws a vivid picture of a famous Italian secret organization and has a gripping human interest story of love and adventure. Prof. Barloti and his daughter flee to America; they are followed by an agent of the society. Things begin to happen, one after another. It is interest-sustaining—See it.	Victor. "THE MAD MAN'S WORD" Featuring FLOWRENCE LAWRENCE When a baby she is cast upon an island which is occupied by only one inhabitant, an old hermit; she grows up a rough, but very pretty girl, and is the only person in the world the old hermit loves. "THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY" No. 3—2 reels Read it in the Chief every week—see the pictures here every Tuesday. Nestor. "MAGGIE'S HONEST LOVER" In this picture you get a birds-eye view of 1915 Exposition grounds.	101 Bison. "TRIBAL WAR IN THE SOUTH SEAS" Featuring MARIE WALCAMP and WM. CLIFFORD. Hiawatha is an epic of Indian tradition; this story is an epic of Polynesian tradition. A pretty love story is interwoven with the circumstances which lead to the bloody tribal war. This is a war of extermination. See the rivalry between two witch doctors; between the two lovers of Lihula; see the duel with the primitive weapons used by the Polynesians. Educational, thrilling, very interesting thruout. Joker. "WIFE'S BUSY DAY" A comedy full of errors.	Victor. "MAN AND HIS BROTHER" Featuring J. Warren Kerrigan Geo. Periolat and Vera Sisson Am I my brother's keeper? Sterling. "A RACE FOR LIFE" Little Billy Jacobs takes the lead, he also takes one of his mother's fresh made pies—Let the children see Little Billy. WHO IS LITTLE MARY?	Nestor. "FOR FRIENDSHIPS SAKE" Here we have the mountain outlaw, the miner and the sheriff. Crystal. "SOME COP" And it's some comedy. UNIVERSAL IKE JR. In a very unique comedy. See the billy goat eat the old lady's false hair; he also eats the sheriff's whiskers off, then escapes on a painter's scaffold to an adjoining roof. WATCH THESE COLUMNS	FARMERS SPECIAL EVERY SATURDAY AT 2:30 Eclair. "FIRELIGHT" A two-reel feature with the beautiful Barbara Tennant and Oscar Lund. Oscar Lund as the factory owner has accumulated millions—in his madness for money he has neglected his wife and, well—just see the picture—we have not the space to tell you. Joker. "THE THIRD PARTY" In this comedy we have husband and wife trying to make the other jealous.

MAJESTIC West Side Every Day 4:15, Every Night 8:00 WATCH THIS SPACE

KILLING AT MENARD

County Attorney Victim of Shooting Affray.

As a result of a shooting affray in Menard Thursday, Sept. 10th, County Attorney Fred R. King is dead and City Marshall Frank Hamby is confined in the county jail, charged with murder.

The full particulars of the tragedy are not known here, but from the most reliable sources obtainable, it seems that there has been all feeling existing between the two men for some time.

From the best information which can be gathered, it is understood that Hamby had discovered King gambling a few days ago, and had made remarks about the occurrence on the streets. When the two men met on one of the principal streets Wednesday a fight took place, in which Hamby was beaten. Friends separated the two men and it was thought that no further trouble would result. Thursday morning shortly before 11:00 o'clock King walked into the Legal Tender saloon, passing on through to the rear of the building and then turned back toward the front door, and immediately in front of the bar, Hamby walked in at the front door. According to the statement of an eye witness, Hamby is alleged to have drawn his revolver on seeing King, while King ran toward Hamby and attempted to take the gun away from him. In the struggle which followed two shots were fired, one of the bullets striking King in the lower bowels and the other in the breast. He sank to the floor and died within five minutes.

Sheriff Spiller being out of the city at the time of the shooting, Marshall Hamby walked to the jail and locked himself in a cell to await examining trial, which will probably be held tomorrow.

King was a young man, probably 30 or 35 years of age, and was married about a year ago to Miss Pearl Lemons of this city. He has served as county attorney for the past several years and is said to have been an able and fearless prosecutor.—Brady Standard.

Helpful Factors for Cotton.

Cotton exports are resuming. A full shipload, 5382 bales, cleared from Galveston Sept. 1 for Barcelona, Spain. Ships are now available for carrying exports from Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific ports. Last week in August wheat exports in United States were nearly 10,000,000 bushels, largest week on record but one. This proves how export trade is reviving. The seas are open to commerce, since the German navy continues to be bottled up.

Mills are running with female and child labor in Europe. Germany has suspended all labor laws to permit this, and also legalizes issue of currency against cotton, other materials and securities.

Under the Vreeland emergency currency law national bank in

FREE TRIP
To The
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SAN FRANCISCO, 1915

Anyone taking an agency to sell Life Insurance for The Great Republic Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles, California, or The Cherokee Life Insurance Company of Rome, Georgia, will be given a free trip to the World's Fair next year at San Francisco. The only condition is, the entire first year premium on the first \$10,000 of 20-Pay Life sold, must be remitted with the applications.

Take an agency and qualify at once.
Write S. C. Pandolfo, General Agt. San Antonio, Texas.

The South alone can issue some \$200,000,000 upon temporary new currency upon cotton warehouse receipts. This new money should be as good as gold while it is outstanding. In due time the federal reserve system will be running, with its rediscount facilities. These two things added to all other resources, should simplify cotton finance.

Mills in all neutral countries are planning to stock up heavily with cotton. Japan is said to be in the market for 2,000,000 bales more than usual, but proof of this statement is lacking.—Southern Farming.

TRUTH TRIUMPHS

Comanche Citizens Testify for the Public Benefit.

A truthful statement of a Comanche citizen, given in his own words, should convince the most skeptical about the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills. If you suffer from backache, nervousness, sleeplessness, urinary disorders or any kind of kidney ills, use a tested kidney medicine.

A Comanche citizen tells of Doan's Kidney Pills.

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Mrs. T. I. Collins, South Main St., Comanche, Texas, says: "For several years I was in poor health from kidney trouble. Soreness and stiffness across my back and sides caused me intense suffering and when I stooped to pick up anything, my sight would almost leave me, and my head would seem as though it was going to break. Although I tried several remedies I was not able to get any relief. Doan's Kidney Pills removed these troubles. I think it is only my duty to confirm my former endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Collins had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Notice in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States, for the Northern District of Texas, in the matter of Smart & Kennedy, A. A. Smart, L. J. Kennedy, bankrupts. In bankruptcy No. 733.

Bankrupts' petition for discharge filed the 9th day of June, 1914, and order thereon.

The bankrupts respectively and in behalf of the said firm of Smart & Kennedy, represent that on the 6th day of October, 1913, they and each of them, individually, and as said firm of Smart & Kennedy, were adjudged bankrupts under the acts of congress relating to bankruptcy, that they and each of them have duly surrendered all their property and rights of property, and have fully complied with all of the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching their bankruptcy.

Wherefore said A. A. Smart and as members of said firm and in its L. J. Kennedy, individually and in behalf pray that they and each of them and in behalf of said firm may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all their debts provable against their said estates respectively, under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are specially excepted by law from such discharge.

Duly verified on the 5th day of June, 1914.

(Signed) Alvin August Smart and Leslie James Kennedy.

Considering the above petitions, it is ordered that any creditor who has proved his claim, or other parties in interest, desiring to oppose said discharge as prayed for in above petitions shall, on or before the 10th day of October, 1914, file with the undersigned referee at Fort Worth, Texas, notice in writing of their opposition of such discharge, and after filing opposition, specifications thereunder shall be filed with the referee within ten days from the said date on or before which opposition may be filed; this order and notice to be a part of record in the estates of Smart & Kennedy, A. A. Smart and L. J. Kennedy.

Given this 9th day of September, 1914. W. B. Paddock, Referee in Bankruptcy.

House Refuses to Approve of Henry's Plan.

The house has refused to endorse the Henry bill now pending in congress which measure provides for the issuance of \$2,000,000,000 in currency to be loaned to the farmers of the country based on 75 per cent of the value of their cotton and other agricultural products. This endorsement was contained in the Dove resolution which was up for consideration during the morning session yesterday and which consumed 2 hours of the afternoon session in debate.

Representative Tarver offered an amendment to the resolution striking out that portion containing the reference to the Henry bill. This amendment provoked a debate and was finally adopted by a vote of 54 to 37. The resolution, minus the endorsement of the Henry bill was then adopted by a vote of 55 to 34.

As adopted the Dove resolution merely asks congress and Secretary of the Treasurer McAdoo to use all possible haste in dealing with the cotton situation, and the speedy enactment of such laws as will direct the secretary of the treasurer in the deposit of sufficient government funds in the banks for the purpose of loaning

direct to the farmers money on their crop, based on 75 per cent of its value. During the debate Representative Kirby spoke against the resolution, while it was supported by Representative Calvin.

GOOD SUGGESTION TO COMANCHE PEOPLE

It's surprising the old foul matter the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc, known as Adler-i-ka, drains from the system. This remedy became famous by curing appendicitis and acts on BOTH the upper and lower bowel so thoroughly that ONE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation almost immediately. We are mighty glad we are Comanche agents for Adler-i-ka. M. W. Carroll, druggist.

Notice, Sheriff's Sale
The State of Texas, County of Comanche,

By virtue of an Alias, Execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bosque County, on 28th day of July, A. D. 1914, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of W. C. Jackson versus W. M. Trammell, L. S. Rutherford and J. D. Eubanks, jointly and severally the Defendants. No. 3538, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff Sales, on the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 1914, it being the 6th day of said month, before the Courthouse door of said Comanche County, in the city of Comanche, the following described property to-wit:

4 acres out of Jno. Duncan No. 1, in Comanche, Comanche County, Texas, and being the same land described in deed from E. E. Anthony to W. G. Baxter, recorded in Comanche County Deed Records, in Vol. 57, page 437, and being described as follows.

Beginning at the S. E. corner of a two-acre tract this day sold to Mrs. T. C. Baxter for the N. E. corner of this tract; thence N. 297.7 varas; thence S. 80.7 varas; thence E. 297.7 varas; thence N. 87.7 varas to the place of beginning, levied on as the property of J. D. Eubanks to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$278.30 in favor of W. C. Jackson and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of September, A. D. 1914. Jack Cunningham, Sheriff. By J. E. Miller, Deputy. 4-11

Citation by Publication.
The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Comanche County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. C. Cadenhead, J. P. Baird and R. P. Dunn, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 52nd Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 52nd Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Comanche County, to be held at the Courthouse thereof in Comanche, on the 3rd Monday in October, A. D. 1914, the same being the 19th day of October, A. D. 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1914, in a suit, numbered on the

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

docket of the Court No. 3292, wherein David T. Evans, Mary S. Evans, J. C. Evans, J. P. Baird, E. S. Jackson, C. C. Cadenhead and R. P. Dunn, Defendants, and said petition alleging that on Aug. 3rd, 1910, Mary S. Evans and J. C. Evans for value received, executed and delivered to A. F. Blue their three certain promissory notes of said date, in which they promise to pay to A. F. Blue at Comanche, Texas, due on the 3rd day of August, 1911-1912 and 1913, respectively, each for the sum of \$133.33 1-3, each bearing 10 per cent interest from date, notes stipulating for 10 per cent attorney's fees in case of suit or placed with attorneys for collection, that said notes were given in part payment for the following described land situated in Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas, being lots No. 1, 2 and 3, in block 3 of Scott's Lake View addition to said city of Mineral Wells; that long prior to maturity of said notes the said A. F. Blue sold and delivered said notes to W. R. Clements, and said Clements long prior to the maturity thereof sold and delivered said notes to this plaintiff, who is now the owner and holder of said notes; that interest on each of said notes have been paid to Aug. 3rd, 1912.

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any, is inferior and subordin to plaintiff's claim. Where plaintiff prays that citation is and that on the trial hereof have judgment against said defendants jointly and severally all costs of suit against defendants Mary S. Evans, J. C. Evans and J. P. Baird with a foreclose of his vendors lien as against said defendants, that an order sale issue, etc., etc.

Herein fail not, but I have said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with return thereon, showing how have executed the same.

Given under my hand and of said Court at office in Comanche, this the 5th day of September, A. D. 1914.
W. D. Carroll, Clerk District Court Comanche

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Special Train To Ft Worth

Monday Sept. 28th

Account

Barnum & Bailey Circus

Train leaves Comanche at 4:50 a. m., arrives in Ft Worth at 10 a. m. in time to witness The Grand Street Parade. Returning special train will leave at 11 p. m.

Fare For Round Trip \$1.75



G. W. Jessup
Agent.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

Copperas Prairie and Gap News.

Nice weather and farmers are getting busy gathering corn and picking cotton. The corn yield is good on hard land, while the deep sand is very inferior. Early cotton about five acres to the bale. Late cotton nothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wells of Comanche are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. George Sunday night.

W. W. Cox and J. H. Lewis shipped three loads of hogs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones entertained quite a crowd Saturday night with music, both instrumental and vocal.

R. L. and E. S. Vaneleave attended a musical Monday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Larogue at Stag Creek.

Mrs. Bennison of Lowell, Miss., who has been here the past month with her uncle T. Englen, left for her home last week.

J. F. Murphy and Nugent Graham started for the cotton field of the west Monday, and quite a number from Gap have gone. In fact all surplus hands have left.

W. W. Smith had a pony to fall in a ditch Saturday night and had to be taken out badly bruised.

A brother of Willis Hatley is visiting him here.

Mrs. A. A. Hilley of Sidney spent two or three days here with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Reese the latter part of last week.

Mercers Gap and Harmony News.

Cotton picking is the order of the day.

Lum Cooper left Monday morning for Jones county.

Tom Ward has moved over near Blanket.

Mrs. Will McKinzie called on her sister, Mrs. George McKinzie, Sunday afternoon.

Ira Hughes has moved over near Blanket.

Elie Falkner of Comanche has moved out on the Callaway ranch. Willie and Noah Duncan left

Monday morning for Fisher county.

Clarence Gore is having a nice home erected near his father's dwelling.

Several of the young people of Gap and Harmony attended the theater at Comanche Saturday night.

Aunt Alice Fletcher has been on the sick list this week.

Gib Callaway and wife spent Sunday on the ranch.

Messrs. Carmack and Brewer of Harmony community have sick babies this week.

Misses Eula and Emily Looney are visiting in Dublin this week.

Mrs. R. R. Looney of Wilson is visiting Dr. Looney.

Mrs. C. S. Oates of Dublin has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Kate Sullivan.

Oak Valley News.

Wm. Stubblefield and Will Lambrecht have returned from Winters.

Chas Cikers and family of Robertsonville visited Jno. Thompson Sunday.

W. A. Cade and family visited relatives at Blanket Saturday and Sunday.

Jno. McIntire got his foot badly bruised in a hay bailer last week.

Miss Effie Thompson is visiting Misses Bessie and Ura Moodie in Comanche this week.

Miss Dollie Stubblefield has returned home after a pleasant visit with relatives at Menard.

Misses Olene, Ethel and Berta Robertson and Nena McBee visited Miss Ruth Taylor at Sidney Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Robertson and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robertson.

Proctor News.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Russell are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Barber.

Dr. Henry Eargle and wife returned to their home in Brownwood last week.

Mrs. Lee Butler was here last week from Comanche.

Will Ewing and wife left Sunday for the west to pick cotton and for Mr. Ewing's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Anderson were here last week visiting

her brother, Jno. Coffey.

Dr. Wright and wife, Mrs. Wright's father, Mr. Parson, of Mt. Pleasant, N. O. Graham and Willie Woods, spent last Sunday a week in DeLeon.

Misses Ethel Stophey and Florence Hail left Sunday night for Denton, where they will attend school.

Mrs. Kate Cordell of Ballinger is here visiting Mrs. A. L. Reid.

Mrs. Mina Woods spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday with her son, W. A. Hunt of Hasse.

Mrs. Octave Thornton and Willie Woods were in Dublin last week shopping.

Several of our boys have gone west to pick cotton and work in the feed crops.

Miss Johnnie Pinson has gone to attend school at Huntsville.

N. O. Graham has returned to his business in Kansas after a two weeks visit with friends and relatives. While here he bought Jno. Culley's interest in the City Drug store.

Miss Annie Chisolm left last week for Beaumont where she will teach school.

Baggett News.

Cotton picking is the order of the day now. Health of the community is good at present.

Miss Katie Heard of Dublin is visiting Miss Junita Stephens this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Sturkie visited Mr. and Mrs. Cozy Guyer in Proctor Saturday night.

Miss Ellen Roberson of New Mexico, spent the latter part of last week with her brother, Buddie Roberson. She left Monday for Waco to begin her school.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stephens entertained the young people with a tacky party Saturday night, everybody reports a nice time and lots of fun.

Blair Ewing of Graham Chapel attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.

Miss Gordie Dingler of Proctor attended the party Saturday night.

Elmer Holden called on friends in Comanche the latter part of last week as the normal was going on.

Doil Churchwell and Steadman Rambo, Sunday bid this community farewell for a while. We wish them success on their trip.

Bryson School House.

Cotton picking is in full blast. C. V. Bryson leaves Monday for his home in Plainview.

R. F. Carter killed two rattlesnakes near his home last week.

John Carter's team ran away with him last Monday. No damage except Mr. Carter received several bruises.

We have bought one of the most complete stocks of Millinery that was ever brought to Comanche, and our Miss Stella Hicks is even now busy taking orders and selling Hats. We want every lady and girl in Comanche and surrounding territory to see Miss Stella when they want to buy their fall hat. Martin Company.

Chamberlain's Liniment.

If you are ever troubled with aches, pains, or soreness of the muscles, you will appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Liniment. Many sufferers from rheumatism and sciatica have used it with the best results. It is especially valuable for lumbago and lame back. For sale by all dealers.

COMING!

The Chicago Glee Club, the greatest male quartette on the American platform, will be at the High School on Friday evening, Sept. 25th, as the first number of the Lyceum Course for this season. This year the Lyceum is under the auspices of the library association and ladies' clubs. The greatest course of musical attractions ever offered in Comanche. Get ready.

Lyceum tickets at Paris Smith's Drug Store. Board for reserve seats open next Friday morning, not before. Be on hand for a good seat for the season. You'll regret it if you fail to do so.

School tickets with reserve seats \$1.50 for the season. Others \$2.00. R. F. Holloway.

Stop! Look! Trade!

We have 162 acres 14 miles southeast from Comanche on public road, fair improvements, well of fine water with windmill, fifty acres in cultivation balance fine mesquite grass; that we will trade for sandy land farm northwest from Comanche. Will give reasonable trade. 3-6

J. R. Eanes.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants National Bank

at Comanche, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Sept. 15th 1914

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$100,157 09
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	296 16
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Bills of Exchange	3,543 96
Live Stock	
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	10,900 00
Other real estate owned	3,543 96
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	951 06
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	377 86
Due from state banks and bankers	2,617 43
Checks and other cash items	456 61
Notes of other National Banks	1,190 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	318 10
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$7,507 75
Legal-tender notes	100 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (3 per cent of circulation)	2,500 00
Bills of Exchange on cotton	547 54
Total	\$180,770 57

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$70,000 00
Surplus fund	11,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	733 31
National bank notes outstanding	50,000 00
Due to other national banks	
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	78 75
Due to approved reserve agents	1,207 93
Dividends Unpaid	
Individual deposits subject to check	27,750 58
Time certificates of deposit	
Certified checks	
Cashier's Checks outstanding	
Notes and bills rediscounted	
Bills payable, including obligations for money borrowed	20,000 00
Reserve for Taxes	
Liabilities other than those above stated	

Total \$180,770 57

State of Texas, County of Comanche, ss: I, W. J. Cunningham, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. J. Cunningham, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Sept. 1914. Jesse T. Hughes, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. F. Tate, M. B. Anderson, R. H. Moore, Directors.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The State Bank of Proctor

at Proctor, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 12th day of Sept., 1914, published in the Comanche Chief and Pioneer, Exponent, a newspaper printed and published at Comanche, State of Texas, on the 18th day of Sept., 1914.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$34,721 46
Loans, real estate	1,627 50
Overdrafts	7 01
Cash items	510 00
Real Estate (banking house)	1,800 00
Other Real Estate	0 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,300 00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	2,074 91
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	3,074 91
Cash items	510 00
Currency	1,014 00
Specie	956 78
Other resources as follows:	
Interest on Deposits guaranty fund	526 11
Advances on Cotton	0 00
TOTAL	\$45,445 37

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$5,000 00
Surplus Fund	2,000 00
Undivided Profits, net	3,794 75
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	84 96
Individual Deposits, subject to check	14,400 75
Time Certificates of Deposit	0 00
Demand Certificates of Deposit	0 00
Cashier's Checks	161 91
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	10,000 00
Interest on Deposits, issued for money borrowed	0 00
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Dividends Unpaid	0 00
TOTAL	\$45,445 37

State of Texas, County of Comanche: We, R. W. Gray as president, and R. R. Evans as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. R. W. GRAY, President. R. R. EVANS, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 16th day of Sept. A. D. nineteen hundred and fourteen. J. T. Washington, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: D. S. JENNINGS, F. E. LUKER, B. F. LUKER, DIRECTORS.

We have bought very heavy on Men's and Boys' Clothing, and realizing that the cotton crop will not be as large as we expected, we have decided to make the closest prices on suits that was ever made in Comanche. See us before buying. Martin Company.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

S. C. Findley made a business trip to Sipe Springs, DeLeon and Dublin this week.

If your child is pale and sickly, sick at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by Paris Smith.

Mrs. Lee Butler and children spent a few days with relatives in Phocor.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one remedy for that old, old, old disease, Catarrh, which has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. The Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL CENTER

A Broader Sphere for Religion. New Field for the Rural Church.

(By Peter Radford.)

The social duty of the rural church is as much a part of its obligations as its spiritual side. In expressing its social interest the modern rural church does not hesitate to claim that it is expressing a true religious instinct and the old-time idea that the social instincts should be starved while the spiritual nature was over-fed with solid theological food, is fast giving way to a broader interpretation of the functions of true religion. We take our place in the succession of those who have sought to make the world a fit habitation for the children of man when we seek to study and understand the social duty of the rural church.

The true christian religion is essentially social—its tenets of faith being love and brotherhood and fellowship. While following after righteousness, the church must challenge and seek to reform that social order in which moral life is expressed. While cherishing ideals of service, the rural church which attains the fullest measure of success is that which enriches as many lives as it can touch, and in no way can the church come in close contact with its members as through the avenue of social functions.

The country town and the rural community need a social center. The church need offer no apology for its ambition to fill this need in the community, if an understanding of its mission brings this purpose into clear consciousness.

The structure of a rural community is exceedingly complex; it contains many social groups, each of which has its own center, but there are many localities which have but one church and although such a church cannot command the interest of all the people, it is relieved from the embarrassment of religiously divided communities.

Social Needs Imperative.

The average country boy and girl have very little opportunity for real enjoyment, and have, as a rule, a vague conception of the meaning of pleasure and recreation. It is to fill this void in the lives of country youth that the rural church has risen to the necessity of providing entertainment as well as instruction to its membership among the young. The children and young people of the church should meet when religion is not even mentioned. It has been found safest for them to meet frequently under the direction and care of the church. To send them into the world with no social training exposes them to grave perils and to try to keep them out of the world with no social privileges is sheer folly. There is a social nature to both old and young, but the social requirements of the young are imperative. The church must provide directly or indirectly some modern equivalent for the husking bee, the quilting bee and the singing schools of the old days. In one way or another the social instincts of our young people must have opportunity for expression, which may take the form of clubs, parties, picnics or other forms of amusements. One thing is certain, and that is that the church cannot take away the dance, the card party and the theatre unless it can offer in its place a satisfying substitute in the form of more pleasing recreation.

We guarantee a perfect fit—your fall suit.—Stanton.

Land Loan Notice.

Anyone wishing a loan on lands will meet me in Comanche Monday, Sept. 21st. Loans only on good lands, well improved, can be considered. This is your chance. Nearly all other companies now out of funds.

B. E. Hurlbut, Brownwood, Texas.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

Don't forget the Chicago Glee Club Friday night, Sept. 21st.

Mr. Phillips had Stomach Trouble for More than Five Years.



Mr. W. R. Phillips, Jr., 139 Moreland Ave., Atlanta, Georgia, writes: "I had the catarrh and stomach trouble for more than five years, and I faithfully tried all the medicines I saw advertised, and found they all failed to cure me. I then heard of Peruna. I purchased six bottles, and after their use I soon discovered that I was well, safe and sound. I now weigh two hundred and ten pounds, and have never been sick since I took Peruna. It surely is the best medicine for colds, stomach trouble and catarrh that I ever heard of."

The Public Schools Open.

On last Monday morning the public schools of the city began the session of 1914-1915 with good attendance at the two primary buildings and an overflow at the high school, there being enrolled at this building over 200 students, an average of more than 50 to the grade. A large number of students from other communities have enrolled in the Comanche High School.

A part of these students are those of families who have moved to town for the school advantages, but quite a number are boarding students. The community should congratulate itself upon having a school system that will attract students from abroad, especially when no advertising is done to attract the attention to our schools.

The community has a great asset in its schools, in addition to the immediate educational contribution. It is a financial and social factor that should not be overlooked in our plans for enlargement.

C. M. SHANNON

Publisher Richmond "Coaster" Waco, Tex., Says that Grigsby's Liv-Ver-Lax Cured Him. Read His Statement.

Most people of sedentary occupation, such as editors, bookkeepers, office employees, stenographers and others who spend their lives indoors are more subject to the ravages of malaria than those who take a large amount of exercise out of doors.

Mr. Shannon devotes much of his time to writing and was a great sufferer from bilious headaches until he took LIV-VER-LAX.

On his own statement this renowned remedy cured him, just as surely as it will cure you of constipation or other malarial symptoms. These symptoms are the signals ahead of serious complications if not eliminated.

There is no compromise with malaria. You must get it of it will get you. The ounce of prevention in the form of LIV-VER-LAX may save even your life from malaria, from which nearly every one in this climate suffers in a greater or less degree, develops rapidly when it once gets a hold on your system. The Wm. Reese Co.

The Best Hot Weather Tonic
GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

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Land Loans

If you are going to need a loan this fall write me your wants at once.

B. E. Hurlbut, Brownwood, Texas.

How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for Quinine original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

WE have shortened the time to and from Houston, Galveston, San Antonio—

No. 1	No. 25-57	Flyer	Limited	Katy all-the-way	Limited	Flyer	No. 2-22
9:00 pm		8:32 pm	9:25 am	Lv St. Louis.....Ar	7:20 pm	7:51 am	
1:30 pm		1:50 am	5:30 pm	Lv Kansas City Ar	12:05 pm	12:25 am	7:30 am
6:10 pm		4:10 pm	5:55 am	Lv Denison.....Ar	12:05 am	12:05 pm	6:35 pm
	9:00 pm	7:50 pm	9:10 am	Lv Dallas.....Ar	8:50 pm	8:40 am	2:45 pm
		7:45 pm	9:20 am	Lv Ft. Worth.....Ar	8:35 pm	8:25 am	11:55 am
		7:50 pm	9:15 am	Lv Waco.....Ar	8:30 pm	8:30 am	2:50 pm
		8:10 pm	9:30 am	Lv Austin.....Ar	8:20 pm	8:20 am	11:55 am
No. 1-21		11:59 pm	1:00 pm	Lv Waco.....Ar	5:00 pm	5:10 am	8:20 am
9:30 pm		12:20 am	1:05 pm	Lv San Antonio.....Ar	4:55 pm	4:50 am	8:00 am
Runs via Smithville		4:10 am	5:05 pm	Lv Houston.....Ar	1:03 pm	1:05 am	
7:00 am		7:20 am	8:10 pm	Lv Galveston.....Ar	10:09 am	10:00 pm	10:30 pm
7:35 am		7:55 am	10:20 pm		8:10 am	9:30 pm	11:00 pm
9:30 am		9:50 am	9:30 am		4:10 am	7:40 pm	7:40 pm

These trains carry chair cars and Pullmans, the best in railway equipment. Dining car service on The Katy Flyer and The Katy Limited.

In buying a ticket say "Katy" to the agent; he will understand.

Hog Raisers' Association Makes Shipment.

Yesterday was marketing and shipping day for the Comanche County Hog Growers Association. There were placed upon the market 60 head, all top hogs but two. In fact it was the best lot of choice hogs so far shipped by the Association. The price paid was based on Monday's market and netted each man a very satisfactory amount, turning loose in the county a nice sum of money to help relieve distressed conditions.

This organization is purely a co-operative organization, organized under the auspices of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, the Comanche Chamber of Commerce and the farmers themselves.

It is so organized that the farmer only manipulates the affairs of the organization. He buys, ships, sells and receives all that the hogs bring, paying only actual expenses. Each member gets just what his hog brings on the market less the little expense.

The association has a large membership already, but we would like for every farmer in the county to become a member. The membership fee is very low, only 25c per quarter. Any member or the county agent will be glad to give any information concerning the organization.

Our next shipment will be in October. Notice will be sent out later giving notice of exact date. The association plans to ship cattle the next shipment.

We believe there is a market for most everything grown if we can only locate it; at least during ordinary good times. Therefore we are planning to extend the same plan to other crops and are now investigating the market.

So let us pull together and put Comanche on the map. The above named organization has created more comment and notice than any similar organization in the South, simply for the reason that it is the most workable and simple of any so far operating.

D. F. Eaton,
Demonstration Agent.

Swelling of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Paris Smith.

Passing of the Bull Moose.

In the recent elections in Maine Oakley C. Curtis, democrat, was elected governor. Three democratic and one republican congressman were elected. The republicans held their own; the democrats held their own. It is believed that the democrats have the legislature by a safe majority on joint ballots. Standpat republicans showed an increase of 31501 against a progressive republican loss of 30461. Democrats claim an increase of 10798. Moose hunting in Maine seems to have been very successful. Teddy does not seem to be the only successful big game hunter.

When you have an achy, stretchy feeling and you are dull, tired and discouraged it is a sign of approaching malaria or chills. You should act quickly to ward off an attack. HERBINE offers you the help you need. It destroys the malarial germ, drives out all impurities and makes you feel bright, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by Paris Smith.

We have bought one of the most complete stocks of Millinery that was ever brought to Comanche, and our Miss Stella Hicks is even now busy taking orders and selling Hats. We want every lady and girl in Comanche and surrounding territory to see Miss Stella when they want to buy their fall hat. Martin Company.

Subscribers to The Chief-Exponent are requested to take special notice of the expiration date of their subscription and to let us have renewal if the date is passed or is about to do so. The expiration date appears on the yellow address slip on each paper, directly following the name of the subscriber. The date shown on the yellow slip means the date to which subscription is paid. We cannot continue to send indefinitely after the subscription expires, and shall at an early date revise the list and discontinue each subscription that shows to be in arrears. If you fail to get your paper after expiration do not blame us.

Frisco Texas Limited Wrecked

The St. Louis and Texas Limited was wrecked early Tuesday morning near Lebanon, Missouri. Eighteen persons were injured and twenty killed outright. The wreck was caused by heavy rains filling the cuts along the tracks. In this place there had been a regular cloudburst, filling the hollow above the railroad track and undermining its foundation so that as the train passed over it gave way under it. The engineer attempted to pass over the submerged portion and as the chair and smoking car were in the deepest part of the temporary lake the track gave way and the hindmost cars were completely submerged.

The front part of the train escaped injury, most of those killed or injured being in the back cars. There are several Texas people among the injured, but most of them were in the front part and escaped. Officials of the road are investigating the cause of the wreck.

HERBINE is the medicine that cures biliousness, malaria and constipation. The first dose makes you feel better, a few additional doses cures completely. Price 50c. Sold by Paris Smith.

When you aid this paper with your patronage, you aid yourself. Your support enables us to better continue our work for the best interests of the local public and the town. At the same time it pays a large dividend by securing for you new business that you would not otherwise get. We are working for you and you with us. Just as little drops of water makes the mighty ocean little advertisements make a big business.



MRS. EMORY MATTHEWS

Expert designer in our Millinery department, invites you to call and inspect our complete display of Fall and Winter Pattern Hats.

As usual we are showing all the new, up-to-date styles at unusually low prices.

The styles will please you as well as the price.

Again we invite you.

Higginbotham's

Program Womans' Missionary Societies.

District meeting of the Womans' Missionary Societies of the Dublin District, M. E. Church South, meets at Comanche, Texas, Sept. 23rd and 24th, 1914.

Wednesday Afternoon.

2:30—Devotional Service, led by Mrs. O. E. Whaley, DeLeon. Enrollment of Delegates. Address of Welcome (5 minutes) Mrs. J. B. Layne, Comanche. Response (5 minutes).

"The Pastor and the Womans' Missionary Society" (15 minutes)—Rev. S. J. Vaughn.

Open Discussion (10 minutes.) "Some Problems of the Rural Missionary Society and How to Solve Them" (10 minutes)—Mrs. Mae Smith, Bunyan.

Wednesday Evening.

8:00—Devotional Service, led by Mrs. M. C. Witcher, Dublin.

"The Womans' Missionary Society and the Foreign Work" (10 minutes)—Mrs. Blair, 3rd Vice-President, Central Texas Conference, Brownwood.

"The Womans' Missionary Society and the Home Field" (20 minutes)—Miss Eugenia Smith, Deaconess, Ft. Worth.

"The Womans' Missionary Society and the Central Texas Conference" (10 minutes)—Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Conference Secretary, Brownwood.

"The Womans' Missionary Society and the Dublin District" (10 minutes)—Mrs. Ben Bassel, District Secretary, Stephenville.

Thursday Morning.

9:00—Devotional Service, led by Miss Eugenia Smith, Ft. Worth.

Reports of Delegates (1 hour.) "Helps for the First Vice-President" (10 minutes.)

"Helps for the Second Vice-

President" (10 minutes)—Mrs. W. F. Lloyd, Stephenville.

"Helps for the Fourth Vice-President."

"Helps for the Press Reporter." 12:00—Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon.

2:00—Devotional Service.

"How Can We Make Our Regular Meetings More Interesting and More Profitable?" (10 minutes)—Mrs. M. N. Ferguson, Stephenville.

Open Discussion.

"The Financial Side of the Womans' Missionary Society" (10 minutes)—Mrs. W. J. Clay, Dublin.

Open Discussion.

"The Workers' Conference, 'Organic Union'"—Mrs. J. H. Stewart.

Selection of place for next meeting.

Adjournment.

Everybody invited.

Miss Eugenia Gray, Comanche, Texas.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

We have bought very heavy on Men's and Boys' Clothing, and realizing that the cotton crop will not be as large as we expected, we have decided to make the closest prices on suits that was ever made in Comanche. See us before buying. Martin Company.

Moving the first of October to the west side of the square next to Wm. Reese Co.—Stanton.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.

The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Not for the Individual, But for Texas.

Texas is THE farmers' State. Of every dollar of its natural wealth—from the farm, the mine, the forest, and the sea, ninety cents comes from the farms thru the production of field crops and the sale and slaughter of live stock. Out of this dollar, 47 cents comes from cotton and 12 cents from live stock. Sixty-nine per cent of the population lives on the farms and ranches, and only thirty-one per cent in the cities, towns and villages.

With these facts in view, can anyone doubt for a moment where the saving and making of Texas must be wrought out?

Ordinarily, the cities—clearing-houses of news, centers of business transactions, places where life and the things of life are most highly developed and most artificial—get all the attention of the world; they take themselves too seriously because in the stress and clamor of buying they forget the man who does the work who does the work that makes possible the profits of the undertakings they finance.

Some years ago Henry Exall pointed out to our traffickers and traders, great and small, the essential, vital fact that big business is not the trading, but the production of the things that are traded in; that prosperity is not in bank-clearing totals, but in more farm products, which makes these totals possible, that our well-being is not based upon the expertness of the merchandiser, but upon the efficiency index of the farmer. Henry Exall sought to raise this efficiency index, measurable in the net profit per acre taken out of the soil in field crops or live stock production, and to that end he gave the Texas Industrial Congress the mission of acting as the business man's agency in bringing about proper seed selection, right cultural methods, conserving of fertility, crop rotation and diversification. Henry Exall pointed the way in the crop contests, giving the same importance to cotton, corn, the grain-sorghums, and cowpeas, all of them feed for live stock. Death called him when this vital work was well outlined but only just begun.

Now comes a great crisis, a world-wide war, to stress, in retrenchments and hardships, the lessons that he taught. The cities are again reminded that the totals per month of their building permits are unimportant in comparison with the solvency and prosperity of John Jones, and Henry Smith, tillers of the quiet countryside, who must even shelter their work animals behind pole windbreaks. The convulsions of the nations is enforcing the evangel of our visioner of progress.

Some of the lessons of Henry Exall, driven home by the European war, that we must give to cotton an importance no greater than that we give to corn, the grain-sorghums, and cowpea hay; that we must raise larger yields per acre so that the cost of production may be lowered and our farmers be enabled to feed live-stock in competition with the states in the corn belt. We must see that this work is not so much philanthropy to others as a necessity to ourselves. Every man must, in his way, become an Exall, giving of his time and substance, as an investment in his own business, to the movement for a livestock industry, which means a low feed cost, only to be attained by high yields per acre.

Colonel Exall was right, the high acre yield of feed stuffs, measured by the efficiency of farming, is the only key that will unlock the portals of prosperity. Texas must be taught how to exchange its 18-bushels yields of 72-cent corn for 40-bushel yields of 46-cent corn, and other feeds in proportion, or we shall never profitably feed live stock and double our income per farm.

The European war, laying the necessity upon us of cutting down our cotton acreage next year, imposes the greater necessity of raising great corn and grain-sorghum crops at a cost of production sufficiently low to enable us to keep at home the \$30,000,000 we send out of the state annually for feed, and to feed increased numbers of cattle and hogs cheaper than they can be fed in Iowa and shipped to Texas.

Therefore the battle of the Texas Industrial Congress for better yields per acre, as planned by Henry Exall, takes on the semblance of a holy war, and the business man who does not enlist in it is surely, though perhaps unwittingly, inviting conditions of hunger and distress to the state.

CLASSIFIED ADS

SYRUP FOR SALE—Fresh home-made sorghum, 50 cents per gallon, delivered.—See Chas. Garner or phone 389. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Houses and lots in different parts of the city, rates reasonable and terms liberal.—Apply to J. E. Gray. 1f

FOR SALE—5 good sewing machines, sews good, for \$2.50 each. 5 real good machines, guaranteed, for \$5.00 each.—See S. J. Miles, Singer Office, north side sq. 3-4

FOR SALE—Winter barley seed for fall sowing; clear of Johnson grass. \$1.00 per bushel.—D. A. Rice, Democrat Star Route, Comanche. 3-6

FOR SALE—3 jersey cows, two of them with young calves, the other fresh in November; will take good middling cotton at 10½ cents per pound in payment. 3-4 P. Moodie.

FOR SALE—150 acres, well improved, over 100 acres in cultivation, and under hog fence, windmill, barn and good farm house; 1 1-2 miles northwest of Downing. \$32.50 per acre.—B. L. Adams. 3-5

FOR SALE—428 acres on Copperas Creek, about six miles south of Duster, over 100 acres in cultivation. Will take cotton at 10 cents per pound as first payment. This is a good opportunity to purchase and develop an ideal stock farm at the right price and on easy terms.—Address J. B. Cave, owner, 618 Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Tex.

SURREY FOR SALE—At a bargain. Will trade for good milk cow.—Mrs. J. W. McNeill.

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms, heated and lighted, convenient to square and west side school.—Mrs. Burley McCollum.

FOR SALE OR RENT—My home, 7 rooms with hall, eastern, hot and cold water bath, windmill and well, good barn and lot.—Mrs. J. W. McNeill. 4t

FOR SALE—At a bargain; good gentle work mules, cash or credit.—Mrs. J. W. McNeill. bt

FOR RENT—My residence (four room house) western part of town.—A. B. Queen. 1f

U. S. and U. K. Struggle for Sugar

Great Britain and the United States are the two greatest sugar importing countries of the world. They are the only first-rank nations that have adopted the policy of permitting other nations to supply their sugar, instead of growing it at home. In the United States the policy will not go into full effect until 1916, when sugar goes on the free list. American growers still supply one-half of the sugar used in this country. On account of the greater population the United States uses much more sugar than the United Kingdom, and the importations of the two countries are nearly equal, each importing about 2,000,000 tons yearly.

Great Britain ordinarily buys 1,500,000 tons of sugar from Continental Europe, mostly from Germany and Austria-Hungary, while the United States takes nearly all of the Cuban crop of over 2,000,000 tons a year. Last month Great Britain shut off from her Continental supplies, entered the New York market, bidding up prices nearly 3 cents a pound in her eagerness to obtain sugar, since that time purchases on British account have continued. The reports of Willett & Gray's Sugar Trade Journal shows that British interests since August 1st have contracted for over 500,000 tons of sugar in various parts of the world.

Cleaning, pressing and repairing at my new place after October 1st.—Stanton.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

Carroll's Drug Store

Carroll's Red Specific for headache and neuralgia. Pleasant to take and certain relief follows in a few hours. For sale under a strict guarantee at Carroll's Drug Store.

Don't forget the Chicago Glee Club Friday night, Sept. 21st.

MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY

have been so successful all these years that you have grown overconfident. I tell you that there is a desperately shrewd man somewhere back of all this. Mark me, I do not believe Hargrave is dead. He is in hiding. It may be near by. He may have dropped from the balloon before it left land. The man they picked up may be Orta, the aeronaut. The five thousand might have been his fee for rescuing Hargrave. Here is the greatest thing we've ever been up against; and you start in with every day methods!"

"Little woman, don't let your tongue run away with you too far."

"I'm not the least bit afraid of you, Leo. You need me, and it has never been more apparent than at this moment."

"All right. I tell by the way side this trip. Truthfully, I realized it five minutes after the men were gone. The only clever thing I did was to keep the mask on my face. They can't come back at me. But the thing looked so easy; and it would have worked but for Norton's appearance."

"You all but compromised me. That butler worries me a little." Her expression lost its anger and grew thoughtful. "He's always about, somewhere. Do you think Hargrave took him into his confidence?"

"Can't tell. He's been watched straight for 40 hours. He hasn't mailed a letter or telephoned to any place but the grocery. There have been no telegrams. Some one in that house knows where the money is, and it's ten to one that it will be the girl."

"She looks enough like Katrina to be her ghost."

Braine went over to the window and stared up at the stars.

"You have made a good impression on the girl?" with his back still toward her.

"I had her in my arms."

"Olga, my hat is off to you," turning, now that his face was again in repose. "Your very frankness regarding your relationship will pull the wool over their eyes. Of course they'll make inquiries and they'll find out that you haven't lied. It's perfect. Not even that newspaper weasel will see anything wrong. Toward you they will eventually ease up and you can act without their even dreaming your part in the business. We must not be seen in public any more. This butler may know where I stand even though he cannot prove it. Now, I'm going to tell you something. Perhaps you've long since guessed it. Katrina was mine till Hargrave—never mind what his name was then—till Hargrave came into the fold. So sure of her was I that I used her as a lure to bring him to us. She fell in love with him, but too late to warn him. I had the satisfaction of seeing him cast her aside, curse her, and leave her. In one thing she fooled us all. I never knew of the child till you told me."

He paused to light a cigarette.

"Hargrave was madly in love with her. He cursed her, but he came back to the house to forgive her, to find that she had been seized by the secret police and entombed in the fortress. I had my revenge. It was I who sent in the information, practically bogus. But in Russia they never question; they act and forget. So he had a daughter!"

He began pacing the floor, his hands behind his back; and the woman watched him, oscillating between love and fear. He came to a halt abruptly and looked down at her.

"Don't worry. You have no rival. I'll leave the daughter to your tender mercies."

"The butler," she said, "has full powers of attorney to act for Hargrave while absent, up to the day the girl becomes of legal age."

"I'll keep an eye on our friend Jones. From now on, day and night, there will be a cat at the knothole, and 'ware mouse! Could you make up anything like this girl?" suddenly.

"A fair likeness."

"Do it. Go to the ship which picked up the man at sea and quiz the captain. Either the aviator or Hargrave is alive. It is important to learn which at once. Be very careful; play the game only as you know how to play it. And if Hargrave is alive, we win. Tomorrow morning, early. Tears of anguish, and all that. Sailors are easy when a woman weeps. No color, remember; just the yellow wig and the salient features. Now, by-by!"

"Aren't you going to kiss me, Leo?"

He caught her hands. "There is a species of Delilah about you, Olga. A kiss tonight from your lips would snip my locks; and I need a clear head. Whether we fail or win, when this game is played you shall be my wife." He kissed the hands and strode out into the hall.

The woman gazed down at her small white hands and smiled tenderly. (The tigress has her tender moments!) He meant it!

She went into her dressing room and for an hour or more worked over her face and hair, till she was certain that if the captain of the ship described her to anyone else he could not fail to give a fair description of Florence Hargrave.

But Norton reached the captain first. Other reporters had besieged him, but they had succeeded in gathering the vaguest kind of information. They had no description of Hargrave, while Norton had. Before going down to the boat, however, he had delved into the past of the Princess Olga Perigoff. It cost him a pocketful of money, but the end justified the means. The princess had no past worth mentioning. By piecing this and that together he became assured that she had told the simple truth regarding the relationship to Florence's mother. A cablegram had given him all the facts in her history; there were no gaps or discre-

pancies. It read clear and frank. Trust a Russian secret agent to know what he was talking about.

So Norton's suspicions—and he had entertained some—were completely lulled to sleep. And he wouldn't have doubted her at all except for the fact that Braine had been with her when he had introduced Hargrave. Hargrave had feared Braine; that much the reporter had elicited from the butler. But there wasn't the slightest evidence. Braine had been in New York for nearly six years. The princess had arrived in the city but a year gone. And Braine was a member of several fashionable clubs, never touched cards, and seldom drank. He was an expert chess player and a wonderful amateur billiardist. Perhaps Jones, the tactful and inscrutable, had not told him all he knew regarding his master's past. Well, well; he had in his time untangled worse snarls. The office had turned him loose, a free lance, to handle the case as he saw fit, to turn in the story when it was complete.

But what a story it was going to be when he cleared it up! The more mystifying it was, the greater the zest and sport for him. Norton was like a



"I Am Not Afraid of You, Leo."

gambler who played for big stakes, and only big stakes stirred his cravings.

The captain of the tramp steamer Orient told him the same tale he had told the other reporters; he had picked up a man at sea. The man had been brought aboard totally exhausted.

"Was there another body any where?"

"No."

"What became of him?"

"I sent a wireless and that seemed to bother him. It looked so that he did not want anybody to learn that he had been rescued. The moment the boat touched the pier he lost himself in the crowd. Fifty reporters came aboard, but he was gone. And I could not tell them just what I'm telling you."

"He had money."

"About five thousand."

"Please describe him."

The captain did so. It was the same description he had given to all the reporters. Norton looked over the rail at the big warehouse.

"Was it an ordinary balloon?"

"There you've got me. My Marconi man says the balloon part was like any other balloon; but the passenger car was a new business to him. It could be driven against the wind."

"Driven against the wind. Did you tell this to the other chaps?"

"Don't think I did. Just remembered it. Probably some new invention; and now it's at the bottom of the sea. Two men, as I understand it, went off in this contraption. One is gone for good."

"For good," echoed the reporter gravely. "Gone for good, indeed, poor devil! Norton took out a roll of bills. 'There's two hundred in this roll.'"

"Well?" said the captain, vastly astonished.

"It's yours if you will do me a small favor."

"If it doesn't get me mixed up with the police. I'm only captain of a tramp; and some of the harbor police have taken a dislike to me. What do you want me to do?"

"The police will not bother you. This man Hargrave had some enemies; they want either his life or his money; maybe both. It is a peculiar case, with Russia in the background. He might have laid the whole business before the police, but he chose to fight it out himself. And to tell the truth, I don't believe the police would have done any good."

"Heave her over; what do you want me to do for that handsome roll of money?"

"If any man or woman who is not a reporter comes to pump you tell them the man went ashore with a packet under her arm."

"Tie a knot in that."

"Say that the man was gray haired, clean shaven, straight, with a scar high up on his forehead, generally covered up by his hair."

"That's battened down, my lad. Go on."

"Say that you saw him enter yonder

warehouse, and later depart without his packet."

"Easy as dropping my mudhook."

"That's all," Norton gave the captain the money. "Good-by and many thanks."

"Don't mention it."

Norton left the slip and proceeded to the office of the warehouse. He approached the manager's desk.

"Hello, Grannis, old top!"

The man looked up from his work surlily. Then his face brightened.

"Norton? What's brought you here? O, yes; that balloon business. Sit down."

"What kind of a man is the captain of that old hooker in the slip?"

"Shifty in gun running, but otherwise as square as a die. Looks funny to see an old tub like that fixed up with wireless; but that has saved his neck a dozen times when he was running it into a noose. Not going to interview me, are you?"

"No. I'm going to ask you to do me a little favor."

"They always say that. But spin her out. If it doesn't cost me my job, it's yours."

"Well, there will be a person making inquiries about the mysterious aeronaut. All I want you to say is, that he left a packet with you, that you've put it in that safe till he calls to claim it."

Grannis nibbled the end of his pen. "Suppose some one should come and demand that I open the safe and deliver?"

"All you've got to do is to tell them to show the receipt signed by you."

The warehouse manager laughed. "Got a lot of sense in that ivory dome of yours. All right. But if anything happens you've got to come around and back me up. What's it about?"

"That I dare not tell you. This much, I'm laying a trap and I want some one I don't know to fall into it."

"On your way, James. But if you don't send me some prize fight tickets next week for this, I'll never do you another favor."

In reply Norton took from his pocket two bits of pasteboard and laid them on the desk. "I knew you'd be wanting something like this."

"Ringside!" cried Grannis. "You reporters are lucky devils!"

"I'd go myself if there was any earthly chance of a real scrap. You make me laugh, Gran. You're always going, always hoping the next one will be a real one. But it's all bunk. The pugs are the biggest fakers on top the sod. They've got us newspaper men done to a frazzle."

"I guess you're right. Well, count on me regarding that mysterious bundle in the safe."

"At three o'clock this afternoon I want you to call me up. If no one has called, why the game is up. But if some one does come around and make inquiries, don't fail to let me know."

"I'll be here till five. I'd better call you up then."

Then Norton returned home and idled about till afternoon. He went over to Riverdale. Five times he walked up and down the front of the Hargrave place, finally plucked up his courage and walked to the door. After all, he was a lucky mortal. He had a good excuse to visit this house every day in the week. And there was something tantalizing in the risk he took. Besides, he wanted to prove to himself whether it was a passing fancy or something deeper. That's the way with humans; we never see a sign "Fresh Paint" that we don't have to prove it.

He chatted with Florence for a while and found that, for all she might be guileless to the world, she was a good linguist, a fine musician, and talked with remarkable keenness about books and arts. But unless he roused her, the sadness of her position always lay written in her face. It was not difficult for him to conjure up her dreams in coming to the city and the blow which, like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky, had shattered them ruthlessly.

"You must come every day and tell me how you have progressed," she said.

"I'll obey that order gladly, whenever I can possibly do it. My visits will always be short."

"That is not necessary."

"No," said Norton in his heart, "but it is wise."

Always he found Jones waiting for him at the door, always in the shadow. "Well?" the butler whispered.

"I have laid a neat trap. Whether this balloon was the one that left the top of this house I don't know. But if there were two men in it, one of them lies at the bottom of the sea."

"And the man found?" The butler's voice was tense.

"It was not Hargrave. I met Orta but once, and as he wore a beard then, the captain's description did not tally with your recollection."

"Thank God! But what is this trap?"

"I propose to find out by it who is back of all this, who Hargrave's real enemies are."

Norton returned to his rooms, there to await the call from Grannis. He was sorry, but if Jones would not take him into his fullest confidence, he must hold himself to blame for any blunder he (Norton) made. Of course, he could readily understand Jones' angle of vision. He knew nothing of the general run of reporters; he had heard of them by rumor and distrusted them. He was not aware of the fact that the average reporter carries more secrets in his head than a prime minister. It was, then, up to him to set about to allay this distrust and gain the man's complete confidence.

Meanwhile that same morning a pretty young woman boarded the Orient and asked to be led to the captain. Her eyes were red; she had

evidently been weeping. When the captain, susceptible like all sailors, saw her his promises to Norton took wings.

"This is Captain Hagan?" she asked, balling the handkerchief she held in her hand.

"Yes, miss. What can I do for you?" He put his hands embarrassedly into his pockets—and felt the crisp bills. But for that magic touch he would have forgotten his lines. He squared his shoulders.

"I have every assurance that the man you picked up at sea is my father. I am Florence Hargrave. Tell me everything."

The captain's very blundering deceived her. "And then he hustled down the gang-plank and headed for that warehouse. He had a package which he was as tender of as if it had been dynamite."

"Thank you!" impulsively.

"A man has to do his duty, miss. A sailor's always glad to rescue a man at sea," awkwardly.

When she finally went down the gangplank the sigh the captain heaved was almost as loud as the exhaust from the donkey engines which were working out the crates of lemons from the hold.

"Maybe she is his daughter; but two hundred is two hundred, and I'm a poor sailor man."

Then Grannis came in for his troubles. What was a chap to do when a pretty girl appealed to him?

"I am sorry, miss, but I can't give you that package. I gave the man a receipt and till it is presented to me the package must remain in yonder safe. You understand enough about the business to realize that. I did not solicit the job. It was thrust upon me. I'd give a hundred dollars if the blame thing was out of my safe. You say it is your fortune. That hasn't been proved. It may be gunpowder, dynamite. I'm sorry, but you will have to find your father and bring the receipt."

The young woman left the warehouse, dabbing her eyes with the sodden handkerchief.

"I wonder," mused Grannis, as he watched her from the window, "I wonder what the deuce that chap Norton is up to. The girl might have been the man's daughter. . . . Good Lord, what an ass I am! There wasn't any man!" And so he reached over for the telephone.

Immediately upon receipt of the message the reporter set his machinery in motion. Some time before dawn he would know who the arch-conspirator was. He questioned Grannis thoroughly, and Grannis' description tallied amazingly with that of Florence Hargrave. But a call over the wire proved to him conclusively that Florence had not been out of the house that morning.

On the morrow the newspapers had scare-headers about an attempt to rob the Duffy warehouse. It appeared that the police had been tipped beforehand and were on the grounds in time to gather in several notorious gunmen, who, under pressure of the third degree, vowed that they had been hired and paid by a man in a mask and had not the slightest idea what he wanted them to raid. Nothing further could be gotten out of the gunmen. That they were lying the police had no doubt, but they were up against a stout wall and all

they could do was to hold the men for the grand jury.

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"You Must Come Every Day and Tell Me How You Have Progressed."

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CHAPTER IV.

The Flat on the Top Floor.

Braine crawled from his uncomfortable hiding place. His clothes were soiled and damp, his hat gone. By a hair's breadth he had escaped the clever trap laid for him. Hargrave was alive, he had escaped; Braine was as certain of this fact as he was of his own breathing. He now knew how to account for the flickering light in the upper story of the warehouse. His ancient enemy had been watch-

ing him all the time. More than this, Hargrave and the meddling reporter were in collusion. In the flare of lights at the end of the gun-play he had caught the profile of the reporter. Here was a dangerous man, who must be watched with the utmost care.

He, Braine, had been lured to commit an overt act, and by the rarest good luck had escaped with nothing more serious than a cold chill and a galling disappointment.

He crawled along the top of the pier, listening, sending his dark-accustomed glance hither and thither. The sky in the east was growing paler and paler. In and out among the bales of wool, bags of coffee and lemon crates he slowly and cautiously wormed his way. A watchman patrolled the office side of the warehouse, and Braine found it possible to creep around the other way, thence into the street. After that he straightened up, sought a second-hand shop and purchased a soft hat, which he pulled down over his eyes.

He had half a dozen rooms which he always kept in readiness for such adventures as this. He rented them furnished in small hotels which never asked questions of their patrons. To one of these he went as fast as his weary legs could carry him. He always carried the key. Once in his room he donned fresh wearing apparel, linen, shoes, and shaved. Then he proceeded downstairs, the second-hand hat shading his eyes and the upper part of his face.

At half past twelve Norton entered the Knickerbocker cafe-restaurant, and the first person he noticed was Braine, reading the morning's paper, propped up against the water carafe. Evidently he had just ordered, for there was nothing on his plate. Norton walked over and laid his hand upon Braine's shoulder. The man looked up with mild curiosity.

"Why, Norton, sit down, sit down! Have you had lunch? No? Join me."

"Thanks. Came in for my breakfast," said Norton, drawing out the chair. Braine was sitting with his back to the wall on the lounge-seat.

"I wonder if you newspaper men ever eat a real, true enough breakfast. I should think the hours you lead would kill you off. Anything new on the Hargrave story?"

"I'm not handling that," the reporter lied cheerfully. "Didn't want to. I knew him rather intimately. I've a horror of dead people, and don't want to be called upon to identify the body when they find it."

"Then you think they will find it?"

"I don't know. It's a strange mixup. I'm not on the story, mind you; but I was in the locality of Duffy's warehouse late last night and fell into a gunman rumpus."

"Yes, I read about that. What were they after?"

"You've got me there. No one seems to know. Some cock and bull story about there being something valuable. There was."

"What was it? The report in this paper does not say."

"Ten thousand bags of coffee."

Braine lay back in his chair and laughed.

"If you want my opinion," said Norton, "I believe the gunmen were out to shoot up another gang, and the police got wind of it."

"Don't you think it about time the police called a halt in this gunman matter?"

"Oh, so long as they pot each other the police look the other way. It saves a long trial and passage up the river. Besides, whenever they are nabbed some big politician manages to open the door for them. Great is the American voter."

"Take Mr. Norton's order, Luigi," said Braine.

"A German pancake, buttered toast and coffee," ordered the reporter.

"Man, eat something!"

"It's enough for me."

"And you'll go all the rest of the day on tobacco. I know something of you chaps. I don't see how you manage to do it."

"Food is the least of our troubles. By the way, may I ask you a few questions? Nothing for print, unless you've got a new book coming."

"Fire away."

"What do you know about the Princess Perigoff?"

"Let me see. H'm. Met her first about a year ago at a reception given to Nasimova. A very attractive woman. I see quite a lot of her. Why?"

"Well, she claims to be a sort of aunt to Hargrave's daughter."

"She said something to me about that the other night. You never know where you're at in this world, do you?"

The German pancake, the toast, the coffee disappeared, and the reporter passed his cigars.

"The president visits town today and I'm off to watch the show. I suppose I'll have to interview him about the tariff and all that rot. When you start on a new book let me know and I'll be your press agent."

"That's a bargain."

"Thanks for the breakfast."

Braine picked up his newspaper, smoked and read. He smoked, yes, but he only pretended to read. The young fool was clever, but no man is infallible. He had not the least suspicion; he saw only the newspaper story. Still, in some manner he might stumble upon the truth, and it would be just as well to tie the reporter's hands effectually.

The rancor of early morning had been subdued; anger and quick temper never paid in the long run, and no one appreciated this fact better than Braine. To put Norton out of the way temporarily was only a wise precaution; it was not a matter of spite or reprisal.

He paid the reckoning, left the restaurant, and dropped into one of his clubs for a game of billiards. He drew quite a gallery about the table. He won easily, racked his cue and sought the apartments of the princess.

What a piece of luck! It was that Olga had really married that old dotard, Perigoff! He had left her a titled widow six months after her marriage. But she had had hardly a kopeck to call her own.

"Olga, Hargrave is alive. He was there last night. But somehow he anticipated the raid and had the police in waiting. The question is, has he fooled us? Did he take that million or did he hide it? There is one thing left—to get that girl. No matter where Hargrave is hidden, the knowledge that she is in my hands will bring him out into the open."

"No more blind alleys."

"What's on your mind?"

"She has never seen her father. She confessed to me that she has not even seen a photograph of him."

There was a long pause.

"Do you understand me?" she asked.

"By the Lord Harry, I do! You've a head on you worth two of mine. The very simplicity of the idea will



Attempt to Rob the Duffy Warehouse.

win out for us. Some one to pose as her father; a message handed to her in secret; dire misfortune if she whispers a word to anyone; that her father's life hangs upon the secrecy; she must confide in no one, least of all Jones, the butler. It all depends upon how the letter gets to her. Bred in the country, she probably sleeps with her window open. A pebble attached to a note, tossed into the window. I'll trust this to no one; I'll do it myself. With the girl in our control the rest will be easy. If she really does not know where the money is Hargrave will tell us. Great head, little woman, great head. She does not know her father's handwriting!"

"She has never seen a scrap of it. All that Miss Farlow ever received was money. The original note left on the doorstep with Florence has been lost. Trust me to make all these inquiries."

"Tomorrow night, then, immediately after dinner, a taxicab will await her just around the corner. Grange is the best man I can think of. He's an artist when it comes to playing the old-man parts."

"Not too old, remember. Hargrave isn't over forty-five."

"Another good point. I'm going to stretch out here on the divan and snooze for a while. Had a devil of a time last night."

"When shall I wake you?"

"At six. We'll have an early dinner sent in. I want to keep out of everybody's way. By-by!"

In less than three minutes he was sound asleep. The woman gazed down at him in wonder and envy. If only she could drop to sleep like that. Very softly she pressed her lips to his hair.

At eleven o'clock the following night the hall light in the Hargrave house was turned off and the whole interior became dark. A shadow crept through the lilac bushes without any more sound than a cat would have made. Florence's window was open, as the arch-conspirator had expected it would be. With a small string and stone as a sling he sent the letter whirling skillfully through the air. It sailed into the girl's room. The man below heard no sound of the stone hitting anything and concluded that it had struck the bed.

He waited patiently. Presently a wavering light could be distinguished over the sill of the window. The girl was awake and had lit the candle. This knowledge was sufficient for his need. The tragic letter would do the rest, that is, if the girl came from the same pattern as her father and mother—strong willed and adventurous.

He tiptoed back to the lilacs, when a noise sent him close to the ground. Half a dozen feet away he saw a shadow creeping along toward the front door. Presently the shadow stood up as if listening. He stooped again and ran lightly to the steps, up these to the door, which he hugged

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U. S. Probe of Cotton Prices.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 10.—The Times Herald announces today that it has reliable information that a widespread investigation of cotton prices in Texas will be undertaken immediately by agents of the United States Department of Justice. A grand jury may be gathered to assist in the investigation. Special Agent Howard P. Wright of the department, who left today for Paris, Texas, on a white slave case, was said to be planning a cotton investigation also on this trip.

The merchants and manufacturers' association of Dallas today started a movement for the organization of cotton manufacturing plants in Dallas, or the manufacturing of cotton bagging and other coarse cotton fabrics.—Dallas News.

Clearing House for Labor.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The scope of the government's big clearing house for laborers and homeseekers was extended today by the establishment throughout the country of distributing zones with headquarters in 180 large cities. Information relating to the needs of employers, etc., the supply of workers and opportunities for settlers will be exchanged among the headquarters under the direction of the division of information of the department of labor. Headquarters of the distributing zone will be under the immediate direction of immigration commissioners and inspectors. The headquarters and their zones include Galveston, Texas.

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Home-Made Silos.

Methods of calculating the proper size and cost of silos are given in a recently issued Farmers' Bulletin (No. 589.) "Home-Made Silos." The Bulletin, which may be had free upon application to the department, consists of 47 pages, with 37 figures and diagrams, and gives explicit directions for the home construction of concrete, stave, and modified Wisconsin silos.

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In general the depth of the silo should not be less than twice nor more than three times the diameter. The greater the depth the better the silage, on account of the pressure from above. If less than 24 feet in height the quality of silage will not be the best. A very great height, however, is to be avoided on account of the excessive amount of power required to elevate the cut corn into the silo.

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"I advised the 'boys' when they enlisted for the Spanish war to take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them, and have received many thanks for the advice given," writes J.H. Houghland, Eldon, Iowa. "No person whether traveling or at home should be without this great remedy." For sale by all dealers.

Ulster Not to Give Up Fight

Belfast, September 5.—Although the Ulstermen are volunteering to fight England's battles on the continent, they still retain their determination never to submit to Home rule. Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster volunteer movement, made this clear today. Addressing a mass meeting of Ulstermen at Colrairie, county Derry, he said:

"We Ulster men retain our determination never to submit to Home rule. The plan can not now become a law. But we must defer our opposition for the present while every loyal Ulster man unites to drive the cowardly invaders from gallant Belgium, France and possibly our own shores." Sir Edward raised the bravery of the Ulster men who are volunteering by companies in the new British volunteer army.—Austin Tribune.

Worn Out?

No doubt you are, if you suffer from any of the numerous ailments to which women are subject. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, weak, tired feeling, are some of the symptoms, and you must rid yourself of them in order to feel well. Thousands of women, who have been benefited by this remedy, urge you to

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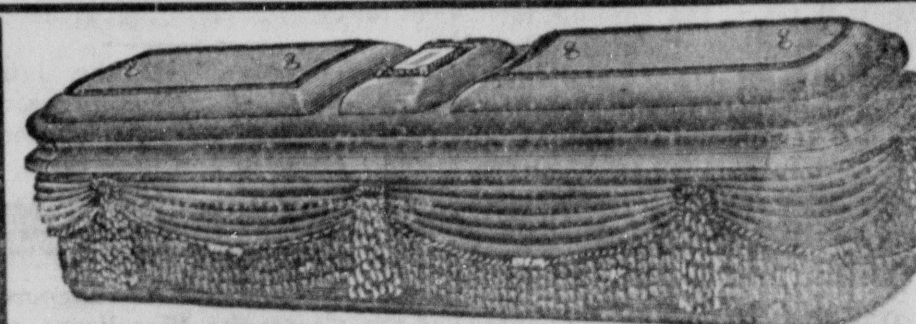
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